

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Health Services Council**  
**Project Review Committee-II**

**DATE: 14 October 2004**

**TIME: 3:00 PM**

**LOCATION: Beck Conference Room**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Committee II: Present: Victoria Almeida (Vice Chair), Raymond C. Coia, Maria R. Gil, Catherine E. Graziano, Denise Panichas, Robert J. Quigley (Chair), DC, Larry Ross, Reverend David Shire**

**Not Present: James Daley, Rosemary Booth Gallogly, Wallace Gernt**

**Staff: Valentina D. Adamova, Michael K. Dexter, Joseph G. Miller**

**Public: (see attached)**

**1. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes**

**The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM. Minutes of the 30 September 2004 Project Review Committee - II meeting were approved as submitted. Staff noted that conflict of interest forms are**

available to any member who may have a conflict.

## **2. General Order of Business**

Victoria Almeida stated for the record that she is recusing herself with respect to the applications of Riverview Nursing Home, Inc. d/b/a Riverview Healthcare Community for change in effective control and certificate of need.

The first item on the agenda was the application of Riverview Nursing Home, Inc. d/b/a Riverview Healthcare Community for a Change in Effective Control of Laurel Foster Home, Inc. d/b/a Laurel Health Care Center. Staff stated that at the previous meeting the Committee had additional questions to the applicant, responses to which have been mailed to the Committee. Staff stated that they received a letter from the applicant stating that costs associated with acquiring Laurel Foster Home, Inc. d/b/a Laurel Health Care Center ("Laurel") of \$850,000 would not be put forward for reimbursement to Medicaid.

Staff noted that based on the recent responses there are discrepancy between the worksheets in the change in effective control ("CEC") and certificate of need ("CON") applications. Staff noted that if the application should be approved the applicant should resubmit the schedules so that they are consistent. Staff stated that the that the issues are specifically dealing with proposed first full year operating

costs, breakdown of the capital costs, and responses to questions number 47 and 49 of the CON application. The applicant noted that the CON application was filed prior to the filing of the CEC application and as a result the amortization of the \$850,000 in acquisition cost was not included in the CON application. The applicant stated that the identified information would be resubmitted.

Staff noted that as a condition of approval it should be added that the acquisition cost of \$850,000 for Laurel should not be submitted for reimbursement to Medicaid. The applicant agreed to accept such a condition of approval.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of seven in favor, none opposed and one recusal (7-0-1) to recommend that the application be approved to go before Health Services Council on 26 October 2004 with the additional condition of approval. Those members voting in favor were: Coia, Gil, Graziano, Panichas, Quigley, Ross, Shire. Almeida recused.

The next item on the agenda was the application of Riverview Nursing Home, Inc. d/b/a Riverview Healthcare Community for a Certificate of Need to increase its licensed bed capacity through acquisition of Laurel Foster Home, Inc. d/b/a Laurel Health Care Center. Staff noted that responses to questions from the applicant were mailed to the Committee members.

**The Chairman inquired if there has been any communication from the Office of Facilities Regulations. Staff stated that there was no information received and noted that it's up to the applicant to hire an architect that is certified by the Office of Facilities Regulations. The Chairman stated that the application would be contingent upon the approval of the Office of Facilities Regulations. Staff noted that the Department of Human Services sent in information in support of the application with the provision that the acquisition costs for Laurel of \$850,000 not be submitted for reimbursement to Medicaid.**

**Staff noted that the previously approved CON for construction of a new nursing home for Laurel's replacement was not implemented due to high costs and asked if there were any impediments that the applicant was aware of with regards to this application. The applicant stated that there were none.**

**A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of seven in favor, none opposed and one recusal (7-0-1) to recommend that the application be approved to go before Health Services Council on 26 October 2004. Those members voting in favor were: Coia, Gil, Graziano, Panichas, Quigley, Ross, Shire. Almeida recused.**

**There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Valentina D. Adamova**